

TO-DAY'S Messages.

11.15 A.M.

MORE SINKINGS.

LONDON, To-day. Lloyd's Shipping Agency announces the steamer Liverpool sunk, and the steamer Bayhall, according to another of Lloyd's announcements, believed to have been sunk. Three steamers of the name of Liverpool are listed in the marine records, all small vessels of less than 1,000 tons, two being British and one French. The British steamer Bayhall, 2,534 tons net, has not had her movements reported in marine records since Sept. 22, when she arrived at Marseilles from Cardiff. The Buenos Ayres Argentine steamship Curumalan which sailed from Cardiff, Wales, on Sept. 21 with a cargo of coal, has not arrived. It is feared she has been sunk. She carried a crew of 29.

TWO NORWEGIANS SUNK.

LONDON, To-day. Lloyd's announces the Norwegian steamer Modig sunk and the crew landed. The Shipping Agency also says the Norwegian steamer Halk is reported torpedoed and the crew landed.

ALLIES WILL REPLY SEPARATELY.

LONDON, To-day. While the replies of the various Allied Governments to Germany will be made simultaneously, probably before Xmas as indicated last night, yet these replies will not be textually identical and will not take the form of a joint reply. The reason for this is that while all the Entente Allies are agreed on the general principles of reply, each came into the war under different conditions, calling for a somewhat different statement. For example, the defence of small nations was one of the main causes bringing England into the war in defence of Belgium, whereas Belgium and Serbia did not enter for that reason, but because their territory was invaded. Similar differences of conditions exist as regards France, Roumania and other countries, while all the replies will agree on the essential points of repatriation and security, they will not be identical.

BRITAIN SURPRISED BY AMERICAN NOTE.

LONDON, To-day. Absolute startling surprise was the first feeling in Britain aroused by President Wilson's Note. The Government was surprised and frankly admitted so. The members of Parliament were equally surprised when the news spread through both Houses during the afternoon session. The newspaper offices were surprised and undoubtedly the public will be equally surprised when they read Ambassador Page's statement to the Foreign Office.

lies in the morning papers. All the information from America the past few days, both the despatches from the usually best informed Washington correspondents and the banking firms said that President had not any intention of taking any steps toward peace or making a move in European affairs. When he transmitted Germany's note to Britain without comment, it was assumed that this action represented his general attitude towards the European situation.

A WISE DECISION.

LONDON, To-day. The Government has decided to release the Irish prisoners who were interned after the rebellion in Ireland, Henry E. Duke, Chief Secretary for Ireland, has announced. According to the statement of the Secretary for Home Affairs in the Commons last October, there were 576 Irish interned in connection with the rebellion.

WAR REVIEW.

LONDON, To-day. In the Dobrudja region in Roumania, where the Russo-Roumanian forces have turned upon the invaders, the Teutonic Allies have been driven from the heights in the region of Babeskoia and Dochkol. The Russians and Roumanians are now disputing with them a violent battle for possession of other positions along this line. In Roumania proper, the Teutons are advancing along both sides of the Insa-Racovitzer Road, but are meeting with steady resistance from the Russians and Roumanians. Along the Piritha-Stankova front the Teutonic Allies have pushed back the advance guard of the defenders. Except for battles in Roumania and in the Carpathians, S.E. of the Kimpolung-Jacobeni railway, where the Russians have captured several heights, and at various points on the Russian front, where attacks by the Russians have been repulsed by the Germans, little infantry activity is being displayed. Artillery duels have been spirited at various points along the French front. Berlin reports a raid by the Germans on British trenches and the capture of four officers and 26 men. In another raid British troops entered the German trenches near Arras but were later ejected. On the Verdun sector, where the French made a notable advance last week, the Germans have violently bombarded the Louvemont-Vaux front. Snow and rain is falling in Macedonia. Aside from an engagement in the Curian River and region, no infantry fighting has taken place. A Washington official report to the State Department to-day from the American Consul at Malta said that the British horse ship Sturuala, bound from Saloniki to Montreal in ballast with six Americans in the crew, was sunk without warning by a torpedo from a submarine of unknown nationality on Dec. 13. The survivors including six Americans were landed at Malta six hours afterwards, with four men missing. The State Department ordered further investigation.

One 15c. bottle of Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine makes 3 quarts.—dec16,tf

A Brute in Disguise

"It's the worst case of inhumanity I ever heard of in this court," said Judge Morris this morning, as he addressed a brute in the human guise of Ulrich Fowler, a 38 year old carpenter of Mundy Pond Road, who was charged with assaulting and beating his wife. Fowler pleaded guilty. The evidence of his wife, a woman of delicate and frail physique, was that the accused beat her unmercifully on different occasions. The poor creature seemed afraid to relate her story in the witness box and broke down, as she wept piteously. On one occasion the brutal husband blackened her eyes, which were already sore, with his fists and not long since kicked her about the body and broke three ribs. He did this in the presence of his two children. Only yesterday, while she was on her way to lodge her complaint with the authorities, the outlaw chased her and kicked her in the back. What astounded the Judge was the prompt admission of the accused of what he had done. His Honor stated that he would like to send the tyrant to prison for six months to be dictated to and water, but as his wife and little children had no means of support, he ordered the husband to sign bonds for \$100 to keep the peace, and if he ever again beats his better half he will be dealt with drastically.

The Best of all

How dear to our hearts were the boots of our childhood, The blucher, prunella, and copper toe shoe. The ones that we wore when we roamed in the wildwood. In fancy they often appear to our view. But now there's a boot, and it cannot be beaten, The rich men and poor men, they call it a "Buddy." They're black, white and ruddy, when streets they are muddy, There is none can compare with the new Buddy Boots.

Look after your feet, 'tis the main thing to see to. Of old the philosophers taught in their school That the best thing for health and we know you agree too, Is to keep your feet warm and to keep your head cool; So to-day let you go to some store in the city. Where they have them for women, for men and for youths, And then you'll be looked on as both wise and witty. When you fall in love with the new Buddy Boots.

The "bone and the sinew" all over the nation They wear them in summer and winter also, And the toilers next spring on the sealing vocation 'Tis said that they'll wear them out on the ice floe. So look where you may you'll be certain to meet them, There's thousands to-day can attest to this truth, From the man in the "cuddy," on decks that are bloody, There's none can compare with the new Buddy Boots. —B.B.

McMurdo's Store News

FRIDAY, Dec. 22, 1916. Looking round our store this morning we notice that while some of the nicest packages of perfume and of candies are sold, we have still a goodly array of both left which are available for sale. There are also some of the soldiers' mirrors left, and some writing cases, a few Baby's Brushes (very nice ones), some man-cultery, a small selection of Dressing Cases, Bath Salts, Sachets, Fancy Soaps—a great variety of these—and Hot Water Bottles, Rubber and Metal. Those who have not yet completed their Christmas buying will be welcome during the next couple of days.

Train Notes.

The incoming express left Port aux Basques at 9.35 a.m. to-day. Wednesday's mail and freight reached Port aux Basques at 8.20 a.m. to-day. The Trepassay train reached the city at noon to-day.

HERE AND THERE.

CALENDAR.—We thank Messrs. T. A. Macnab & Co. for a very pretty calendar. Members of Gower St. Choir are requested to meet for practice as soon as possible after 9.30 o'clock to-night.—dec22,11

NEWFOUNDLANDER MISSING.—Among recent casualty lists appears the name of Selby Harris, Trinity Bay, Newfoundland. He was previously reported wounded, and is now reported missing. Harris was a member of the Canadian Mounted Rifles.

KYLE'S PASSENGERS.—The following first class passengers reached Port aux Basques on the s.s. Kyle this morning: W. W. Marshall, Mrs. E. Anthony, E. Grilla, J. Barry, Miss L. Yates, A. Dwyer, Mrs. T. Squires, J. M. Caines, W. Cowan, J. Conroy, A. Gardner, Jas. Cooper, J. Macdonald, R. T. Darby, Thos. Marshall, R. Skinner, Mrs. Harvey, Miss M. Bragg, Miss M. Keen, E. C. Lewis, P. R. McLeod, F. McLeane, R. T. Dunn, J. Hartley, Mrs. Hattie, Miss D. Selloy, T. Shanahan, T. A. Hall, J. W. N. Johnstone, Capt. Parsons, J. Marshall, Dr. J. Bruce and W. Mercer.

DIED.

On the 21st inst. John Rose, aged 62 years. Leaving a wife, one son, six sisters and two brothers to mourn their sad loss. Funeral to-morrow, Saturday, at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 224 Water St. West.R.I.P. Boston papers please copy.

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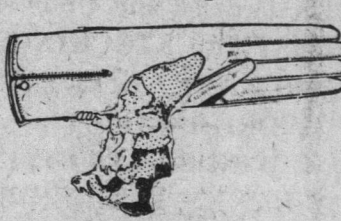
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Latest Style.
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MEN'S GLOVES, NECKTIES, MUFFLERS, UMBRELLAS and SLIPPERS.

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TABLE LINEN.
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CUSHION COVERS.

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Dried Fruit for XMAS!

Three Crown California Raisins, loose, 50 lb. boxes.
Seeded California Raisins, packages, 36 lb. boxes.
Evaporated Apricots, 25 lb. boxes.
Evaporated Peaches, 25 lb. boxes.
Evaporated Prunes, 25 lb. boxes.
Also, Citron Peel, 7 lb. boxes.
Lemon Peel, 7 lb. boxes.

F. McNAMARA, Queen Street.

Casualty List.

Received December 22.
2040—Sergt. Harry Tansley, Wales. Shell contusion.
2290—Private Arch Bursey, Gambo, B.B. 9th General Hospital, Rouen, December 12; gunshot wound left arm, slight.

J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

Everyday Etiquette.

"Please tell me how to place the spoons when soup, gelatine and coffee are to be served?" asked puzzled Mrs. Newleyed.
"You should place the coffee spoon nearest the plate, the gelatine next and finally the soup spoon. They are all placed to the right of the plate," advised her mother.

BALANCE OF OUR STOCK OF

Xmas Toys AND Fancy Goods AT COST PRICES THIS WEEK TO CLEAR.

This includes Dolls, Rabbits, Bears, Dogs, Soldiers, Cannons, Gun Carriages, Guns, Swords, Forts, Monitors, Trains, Engines, Wagons, Tools, Furniture, Drawing Slates, Paint Boxes, Dulcemars, Games, Blotters, Jewel Cases, Letter Racks, Trays and a splendid assortment of Photo Frames.

While it has been very difficult for us to obtain cheap toys this season, you can rest assured that you will by the big reductions we have made be enabled to buy these goods here at lower prices than you will get anywhere.

HENRY BLAIR.

Remember our aim is to reduce for you where possible the high cost of living.

More Petty Theft

FIVE YOUTHS ARRESTED.

Five youths, whose ages ranged from 10 to 15 years, were before court to-day for petty theft. Two of them, old offenders, were charged with the larceny of a walking stick and four cigar lights from the store of S. E. Garland and a bottle of wine from some person unknown. The other three accused lads were charged with taking and drinking the liquor. All

five admitted their guilt. Judge Morris remarked that the cause of larcenies was that parents were derelict in their duty towards their children. He said the Penitentiary was no place to send the youthful offenders and ordered that their fathers sign bonds for the future good behaviour. His Honor also emphatically added that if the lads again committed themselves they would hold responsible the parents who were exhorted to give their lads caning.

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